



BUILDING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
TRANSPORTATION,
AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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Dear Community Leader:

We are pleased to present you with a Community Development Plan guidebook, *Building Vibrant Communities: Linking Housing, Economic Development, Transportation and the Environment*, jointly developed by the Department of Housing and Community Development, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, and the Department of Economic Development.

In January, we issued Executive Order 418, one of several initiatives the Cellucci-Swift Administration has developed this past year to provide cities and towns with the tools they need to address the critical housing needs of our state. A major component of this Executive Order is the Community Development Plan, a program to help local officials balance economic progress with preserving the quality of life in their communities.

Under this program, your community is eligible for up to \$30,000 in technical assistance and planning services to assist you in producing Community Development Plans. These plans are intended to provide guidance as your community and other cities and towns consider options for future development. The plans will focus on developing housing for families and individuals across a broad range of income, while balancing the need for economic development, transportation and infrastructure improvements and open space preservation.

We know that the success of achieving these goals depends on the cooperation of local communities. The Community Development Plan program will help us all work together to meet the common goal of providing housing for all the citizens of the Commonwealth.

We all have a role to play in enhancing the quality of life for our citizens, and housing is an important part of that quality of life. We look forward to continuing to work with you to find meaningful solutions to the state's housing needs, and in turn, help to ensure the future prosperity of our Commonwealth. Together, we can generate the energy, vision, and commitment necessary to make this important endeavor a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Cellucci".

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jane Swift".

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